

December 3, 1963

Mr. J. E. Curry  
Chief of Police

Sir:

The following is a report on my part in the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald on Friday, November 22, 1963.

At 1:40 pm on November 22, 1963, Captain G. W. Doughty and Sgt. W. W. Barnes received a call to Tenth and Patton Streets regarding the shooting of Officer J. D. Tippit.

As they were preparing to leave the City Hall, I asked Captain Doughty if I could go with them and I was told that I could. We proceeded to the location and after we had been there about five (5) minutes a call came out that the shooting suspect was in the Texas Theater.

Captain Talbert was answering this call and he was alone, so I asked if I might go with him. As we proceeded to the Texas Theater the Dispatcher asked that the rear of the theater be covered. Captain Talbert let me out in the front and told me that he would cover the rear.

As I entered the theater, I was told by Det. John Toney that the suspect was in the balcony. I went to the balcony and searched the men and women's restrooms on my way up there. A patrolman was with me, but I did not know his name.

As I went into the balcony I asked the projectionist to turn on the house lights. When the lights were turned on I noticed several people up there. By this time there were several other patrolmen in the balcony, one was C. E. Bentley, Jr., whom I told to search all of the people in the balcony and get their names.

After this, I went back to the lower floor. Just as I entered the lower floor I saw Patrolman McDonald fighting with this suspect. I saw this suspect pull a pistol from his shirt, so I went to Patrolman McDonald's aid immediately.